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(Note: Paragraphs 1-13 comprise a list of Canton's leading privately owned daily newspapers, arranged in alphabetical order. While they have no official political affiliations, their views tend to be more in line with the Koomintang than any other party.)

1. Canton Daily Sun

Owner: CH'EN Hsi-yü (陳錫餘)

Publisher: G. A. Malig

Editor: WU Fu-hun (伍福焜)

Circulation: 500

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This is the only English language newspaper in Canton. It appeared first on 24 September 1945 as an independent paper with G. A. Malig as publisher and editor. General management of the paper was so poor, however, that it was threatened with failure in January 1946. It was reorganized when its present owner, CH'EN, also owner of the Ta Kuang Pao (see para. 12) invested CNG\$1,000,000 in it. LU Hui-shang (陸慧生), concurrently publisher of the T'ien Hsing Pao (see para. 21), became publisher, with WU Fu-hun as editor. Although G. A. Malig is still listed as publisher, he is in reality an editorial assistant at present, with little interest in his work. Because of delays in the opening of foreign firms in Canton, the paper still has a monthly deficit of CNG\$800,000. It is rumored that the paper is pro-British, but it is actually a neutral paper without any political affiliations.

2. Ch'ien Feng Pao (前鋒報)

Publisher: KUAN Neng-ch'uang (關能創)

Editor: LI Su (李素)

Circulation: 6,000

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This paper's shareholders are for the most part people of the T'aishan district (台山). It is strictly a commercial newspaper, with fairly good coverage of provincial and local news. It has just finished attacking the corruption and inefficiency of the CNMRA Canton office.

3. Ch'ien Feng Jan Pao (前鋒明報)

Owner and editor: YUN Shih-ch'eng (雲實誠)

Circulation: 2,500

This was a leading evening paper until the T'ien Hsing Pao (see para. 21) and the Huan Ch'iu Pao (see para. 6) began publication. It has no political affiliations and is a lively newspaper.

4. Chien Kuo Jih Pao (建國日報)

Owner: LI Yi-p'ei (李育培)

Editor: CHENG Chao-tseng (鄭肇曾)

Circulation: 6,000

When founded by its present owner in Ch'uchian; (113-33, 24-50), this paper was receiving financial help from the Political Department under General YU Han-mou (俞漢謀) then head of the Seventh War Zone, and was known as his official organ. General YU now has no connection with the paper. Some of the better members of the staff have left because of a financial disagreement with the owner. The paper is popular because it spares no one and enjoys exposing government graft and corruption. In its Ch'uchiang edition it gave close competition to the Ta Kuang Pao (see para. 12), but in Canton it lags behind the "leading newspaper".

5. Hsien Hsiang Pao (現象報)

Owner: CH'EN Jui-t'ing (陳銳霆)

Editor: CH'EN Hsia-tzu (陳霞子)

Circulation: 5,000

Having the same owner as the Yueh Hua Pao (see para. 13), this paper is patterned along the same lines but in a less ambitious way.

6. Huan Ch'iu Pao (環球報) (World News)

Owner: KAO Ying-shu (郭英殊)

Editor: LO Chun-shih (羅君實)

Circulation: 4,500

This evening paper is operated by members of the Central News Agency. It is one of the two "best" evening papers in Canton, with good coverage of world news and fair handling of local items.

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7. Kung P'ing Pao (公評報)

Owner: CH'EN Yung-chi (陳永吉)

Editor: CHIN Cho-t'ing (金焯廷)

Circulation: 4,500

Established before the war, this paper resumed publication only a few months ago. It is read mostly by shop people.

25X1A [REDACTED] note: Although the Kung P'ing Pao is listed among the papers characterized as "privately owned, without political affiliation", it is definitely pro-Kuomintang. Its publisher, CH'EN Yung-chi, is a committee member of the Canton Kuomintang and the Municipal Council. He is also a member of the CC clique, on the lookout for Communists and non-Kuomintang elements.)

8. Kuo Hua Pao (國華報)

Owner: LIU Yin-sun (劉蔭蓀)

Editor: LI Chin-shih (李金石)

Circulation: 2,500

This paper resumed publication two months ago, but has not recovered ground lost during the war, in spite of substantial financial backing.

9. Mei Jih Lun T'ian Pao (每日論壇報) (Daily Tribune)

Owner: CHANG Tao (章導)

Editor: P'ENG Feng-ts'ao (彭芳草)

Circulation: 3,000

The owner and editor are professors in the Political Science Department of Sun Yat Sen University. CHANG, the owner, is a graduate of the University of London and has a home in Calcutta. The paper is slightly pre-British, in that it never publishes anti-British sentiments, while others do. It is read mostly by college students, teachers, and men of learning.

10. Shang Pao (商報)

Owner: PAO T'ien-fang (包天放)

Manager: LIANG Shan-wen (梁善文)

Editor: LI Tzu-yü (李子諭)

Circulation: 6,000

Considered conservative before the war, this paper is now quite progressive. It gives considerable space to commercial news. The owner and manager are known to be secret service agents for the National Government. Though they are definitely pro-Kuomintang, the paper's editorials do not reflect any definite political affiliation. Much of the work is done by the manager, who is a graduate of the Whampao Military Academy.

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11. Shih Shih Wan Pao (時事晚報)Owner and editor: LIU Tien-kuang (劉滇光) **CONFIDENTIAL**

Circulation: 1,000

This is a small evening paper of little significance. It has connections with HO Yung-jen (何勇仁), Chief of the Press Section of the Kwangtung Provincial Government. HO dislikes the Hsing Tao Jih Pao (星島日報), a large Hongkong paper which is the organ of AW Boon-haw (胡文虎 HU Wen-hu) and his son AW Hoe (胡好 HU Hao). Consequently the Shih Shih Wan Pao has branded these two as traitors and collaborators.

12. Ta Kuang Pao (大光報)

Owner: CH'EN Hsi-yü (陳錫餘) (see para. 1)

Editor: TSING Fu-ming (曾復明)

Circulation: 9,000

This is the most influential newspaper in South China. In addition to Canton, editions are also published in Ch'üchiang, Shant'ou (116-39, 23-22), and Kuangchowwan. It is read by better informed people, including government officials, merchants and students. It was formerly a Hongkong paper, before being sold to its present owner, CH'EN, who began its publication in Ch'üchiang. Because CH'EN received some financial help from former Governor LI Han-hun (李漢魂), the paper was once regarded as the Governor's organ. Since LI is no longer governor, it is now without any political affiliation.

13. Yueh Hua Pao (越華報)

Publisher: CH'EN Jui-t'ing (陳銳霆) (see para. 5)

Editor: CH'EN Shu-kung (陳述恭)

Circulation: 15,000

This paper has the largest circulation of any in Canton, and also has good circulation outside the city. Established before the war, it continues to cater chiefly to the uneducated classes, featuring simple subjects of local interest. Its coverage of international news is poor and it is seldom read by government officials and college students. Its advertising section is large and the rates are the highest in the city.

(Note: Paragraphs 14-21 comprises a list of officially owned daily newspapers in Canton, all pro-Kuomintang and all receiving financial support from one or another of the various Kuomintang organs.)

14. Chung Cheng Pao (中正報)

Publisher: Major General WANG Hou-hsiang (王候翔)

Editor: LIU Yi-tan (劉一丹)

Circulation: 1,500

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This paper is said to have very close connections with CHANG Pa-kuei. It was first published during the war, to honor CHIANG Kai-shek. Its publisher, Major General WANG, has been recently recalled to active duty in Kirin Province, Manchuria.

15. Chung Shan Jih Pao (中山日报)

Publisher: LIN Po-ya (林伯雅)

Editor: SUN Po (孫博)

Circulation: 6,000

This paper is under the Central Kuomintang in Nanking, but is financially a losing proposition, because its present publisher is inexperienced and has no definite policy. His predecessor, HU Ch'un-ping (胡春冰), had made the paper self-supporting, but was fired for personal reasons by P'ENG Hsueh-p'ei (彭學沛), Minister of Information. A monthly subsidy of CN\$800,000 from the National Government was withdrawn in April 1946. The paper does not print all of the news, for fear of angering officials. CHIANG Kai-shek is said to be a daily reader of the Chung Shan Jih Pao.

16. HO P'ing Pao (和平报) (Peace Daily)

Publisher: YANG Shao-chen (楊紹珍)

Editor: HSIUNG Fu-su (熊復蘇)

Circulation: 1,200

Established in the spring of 1946, this paper is controlled by the military, being the organ of the Political Department of the National Ministry of Defense. It takes orders locally from the Political Department of the President's Canton Headquarters.

17. Hsi Nan Jih Pao (西南日报) (Southwest Daily News)

Publisher: LI Ch'ao-huan (李超桓)

Editor: YU Shao-nien (于紹年)

Circulation: 2,500

This paper is the organ of LI Ta-ch'ao (李大超), Chief of the Hongkong Kuomintang. It is the most anti-British paper in Canton. Its local news plays up scandals, actresses, sing-song girls and taxi-dancers.

18. Hua Nan Jih Pao (華南日报) (South China Herald)

Publisher: CH'IU Cheng-ou (丘正歐)

Editor: P'AN Chung-shih (潘中時)

Circulation: 2,500

This paper is the organ of Governor LO Cho-ying, and emphasizes the glorification of the Provincial Government. The publisher is a member of the Puppet Property Bureau of the Alien Custodian Administration.

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19. Kuangchou Jih Pao (廣州日報)

Publisher: CHANG Hsi-che (張希哲)

Editor: SHEN Yu-pu (沈旭*步) *沈旭 Hsu ?

Circulation: 4,000

This paper is the organ of the Canton Municipal Kuomintang. Its publisher, a very able man, is a member of the CC clique. Its circulation is considered low for an official paper.

20. Ling Nan Jih Pao (嶺南日報)

Publisher: LIAO Ying-ming (廖英鳴)

Circulation: Not known

This is the newest paper in Canton, with its first issue scheduled for 1 January 1947. The publisher is a Section Chief in the Provincial Kuomintang.

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note: It was previously reported that the Ling Nan Jih Pao would be published by the Lingnan Industrial Corporation, newly established competitor for control of industries in the Canton area, largely monopolized by the Kwangtung Industrial Corporation. Further information on members of the paper's staff appeared in the following item from a Canton daily, the Chung Chang Jih Pao for 25 December 1946:

"(Central News Agency) The Lingnan Daily Press yesterday issued its first edition. The owner of the paper is LIAO Ying-ming, while the publisher is HSIEN Ho-nien, Committee member of the Municipal Kuomintang Headquarters. LIAO Possesses a long history in journalistic circles. He has previously held posts as Secretary of the Officer's Section of the Ninth War Zone, professor of Chungshan University, owner of the Kuo Min Jih Pao in Hunan. During the Changsha campaign all newspapers in Changsha were suspended and moved into the interior, but the Kuo Min Jih Pao, in spite of difficulties, still kept up its publication. LIAO is well known to General Hsueh Yueh.

21. T'ien Hsing Pao (天行報) (Natural Advance Daily)

Owner: Major General LI Han-chung (李漢冲)

Publisher: LU Hui-sheng (陸慧生)

Editor: YAO Chun-ming (姚濬明)

Circulation: 4,500

The owner is Chief of Staff in the President's Canton Headquarters. He is frequently able to supply "exclusive" news to the paper.

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